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In re Application of

Katsunori Takada, et al.

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STEEL FOR USE IN HIGH STRENGTH PINION SHAFT AND

MANUFACTURING METHOD THEREOF

Honorable Commissioner of Patents Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 Mail Stop A.F.

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action dated November 3, 2009, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Amendments to the claims begin on page 2 of this paper. The amendments to the claims do not add new matter.

Remarks begin on page 4 of this paper.